



Malaga Land Exchange - DNR #86-099530

PROPOSED LAND EXCHANGE BETWEEN WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES (DNR) AND RAVENWING RANCH, LLC

Objective

DNR desires to reposition certain parcels of State trust land east of Wenatchee in Chelan County to enhance the trust revenue potential for DNR managed lands. This exchange will consolidate State trust lands to improve management efficiency, enhance road access, and enhance marketing options for Common School Trust properties. DNR will trade up to 2,198 acres of trust land and DNR will receive up to 2,639 acres of Ravenwing Ranch, LLC property.

Benefits

The exchange will:

- Consolidate State trust lands in Chelan County into more manageable locations to increase operational efficiency of these lands.
- Enhance the sustainability of working trust landscapes to provide for future generations.
- Create enhanced options for future public revenue through larger consolidated landscapes.
- Reduce the number of isolated trust parcels that are less efficient for long-term State trust management.
- Enhance biodiversity through DNR acquiring more habitat of a globally rare plant found only near Malaga with some of these plants present on the Ravenwing Ranch, LLC exchange properties.

This exchange involves one state trust, the Common School Trust, which funds the construction of public K-12 schools statewide.

Ravenwing Ranch, LLC Properties

- The Ravenwing Ranch, LLC property to be traded includes grasslands that have been managed in the past as a private ranch.
- All of the Ravenwing Ranch, LLC property in this exchange is adjacent to State trust lands.
- Acreage of Ravenwing Ranch, LLC exchange property in Chelan County – 2,638.73 +/- acres

State Trust Properties

- The State trust lands are mostly grasslands.
- All of the State trust lands in this exchange are located adjacent to Ravenwing Ranch, LLC property.
- Trust lands are held and managed by the Department of Natural Resources for the purpose of generating revenue for both current and future beneficiaries, as mandated by both the Federal Enabling Act and the State Constitution. Where possible, DNR manages for multiple benefits, such as recreation and protecting habitat and water quality.

- Acreage of the State trust exchange property in Chelan County – 2,197.68 +/- acres.

Public Information and Outreach

- DNR will hold a public hearing to share information and to receive information and testimony from the public. The meeting will occur on **November 19, 2019**, and will start at **6 p.m.** at the following location:

Malaga Fire Station 17 – Chelan County Fire District #1
Training Hall Room
3760 West Malaga Rd
Malaga, WA 98828

- Contact DNR staff if you are aware of cultural resource issues associated with specific trust parcels, or if there are features present on specific DNR trust lands that merit consideration of these parcels to be used for open space, park, school, or critical habitat purposes.
- Following the evaluation of hearing testimony and a property appraisal, DNR and Ravenwing Ranch, LLC will finalize an exchange proposal to present to the Board of Natural Resources for a final decision at one of its regularly scheduled monthly meetings. The Board meeting provides an additional opportunity for public comment.
- The DNR website (dnr.wa.gov) will have a webpage created for this project and be updated as new information becomes available.

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Additional information is available on our website, dnr.wa.gov
(To find the webpage with project information click onto the Managed Lands heading, and then click on Land Transactions, then on Malaga Land Exchange.)